



## **The Avon Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.**

**Board of Directors Special Meeting  
Company 1, 25 Darling Drive, Avon, CT 06001  
Meeting Hall  
Sunday, January 18, 2026, 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.**

### MINUTES

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER/ATTENDANCE:

President James DiPace called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. Members present: President James DiPace, Vice President Mark Wilson, Secretary Jeffrey Bernetich, Board Member Chip Carpenter, Town Council Representative (TCR) Member James Speich, Member David Bourgoin, and Member Brian Baldwin.

#### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### 3. FUNDING FOR FUNERAL EXPENDITURES AND RELATED EVENTS:

President DiPace discussed various expenditures for the funeral services and related events for deceased Deputy Chief David Theriault, including expenditure sources, The Farmington Club for celebration of life event, donations, and Mission BBQ donation of food/drink. Member Bourgoin will be in charge of the Honor Guard services. Extended wake hours will not be available per funeral home. Chief Bruce Appell will be in charge of rehearsal. The service will be live-streamed from within the church. President DiPace discussed paperwork and procedures that need to occur related to the death.

Member Speich mentioned gaining additional group coverage (West Haven).

President DiPace and members discussed issues related to donations for the deceased's family.

Board Member Post stated GoFundMe donations do not go directly to a family.

Member Bourgoin motioned: to authorize President DiPace to spend the necessary funds for expenses related to DC David Theriault's funeral. Secretary Bernetich seconded the motion. All voting members were in favor.

TCR Member Speich inquired about grief counseling, and it was mentioned that a notice about resources was sent to the membership by Assistant Chief Ken Sedlak.

President DiPace stated that all necessary forms for LOD death have been filed.

Board Member Carpenter will reach out to Plainville regarding LOD death forms.

#### 4. COMMUNICATION FROM AUDIENCE

*All items from audience are limited to five (5) minutes or less*

#### 5. ADJOURN:

Board Member Bourgoin motioned: to adjourn. President DiPace seconded the motion. All voting members were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:56 a.m.

Submitted by: Susan Guimaraes, Administrative Coordinator